

2010 VA Woodturners Symposium Mentoring Session Titles, Mentors, and Descriptions

Saturday, October 23, 2010, 10:30 AM to 12:30PM, Sessions A-1 through A-10

A-1	Miniature Hats with Sid Mace - Transform 5 lbs. of green wood into a 2 oz. hat. Learn the methods and techniques for first turning the hat and how to build and use forms for compressing and shaping them into works of art. Although these miniatures can't be worn, the process is identical for making life size ones that can be. Sid will also guide you in taking a few cuts.
A-2	Safety, Chain Saw and Shop Tools with Starke Smith - This demo will involve the many steps necessary in the field of safe wood turning. I will show all the equipment I use from the chain saw and its associated safety equipment. The Band Saw and how to safely prepare the turning blank. I will also show the safe method of approaching the wood on the lathe to stay in control at all times. In the final steps I will show the need for dust collection and face shields while turning.
A-3	Future Turners of America with Fred Chattin and Friends - This Mentoring session is specifically design for our younger folks up to age 16. Our "future turners of America" will be taught safe turning practices as they turn small projects which they can take home with them, and proudly say, "look mom at what I made!" This is a one-on-one with a Mentor for each youth letting them turn a series of fun projects such as a spin top, honey dipper, snow man, and the last of which is their very own pen.
A-4	Coring the Onaway System Way with Jeff Fleisher - Do you stand in a pile of wood shavings after turning that prized block of wood into a bowl? Don't you wish you could get more than one bowl out of that block of wood? Now you can! Learn the techniques to use the One-way Coring System to create multiple bowls from a single wood blank. Jeff will teach you how to keep more wood on your lathe and less on the floor!"
A-5	Learning and Turning Spindles for Skill Building and Practical Use with Mike Lane - Learn to turn spindles and make good use of your practice time. Turn a tool handle or make mallets or hammers, all very useful tools in your shop. Grab a tool and start practicing under Mike's guidance.
A-6	Suction Fit Lid Boxes and a Bit of Flare with Roy Tedesco - Ever wonder how to get boxes with "suction" fitted lids every time? Learn how to select your wood, determine the design and with proper mounting techniques and good tool control you too can turn them. Oh, also learn how to dress them up with unique finials for that touch of class.
A-7	Call that Turkey for Dinner! With Mike Kinney - Hunter...or just want to find out what a turkey really sounds like? I'll show you the procedures for making a Turkey Call, or as some call it; "a scratch box." It's turned, fun and easy to make!

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A-8	Hollowing Vessels Though the Bottom with Dick Hines - This technique allows one to easily hollow out a vessel with a very small top opening. This will leave people wondering "how did he do that?" Dick will show you how.
A-9	Introduction to Segmented Vessels with Alton Bradford - Now is your chance to learn how to create segmented vessels. You'll participate in the planning and design of a vessel and walk through the process, of material selection, determining the segments required (angles and sizes), cutting the segments, gluing them up into rings, assembling the rings and turning the segmented assembly into a fine work of art. The easy, logical methods and techniques, including tools and jigs, will be the focus of this session, in a Q&A format.
A-10	Master the One Skill Critical to All Turners, Tool Sharpening with (Various Mentors) - A sharp tool is pure pleasure, but a dull tool is total frustration. Let our experienced Mentors teach you the proper and safe way to put a keen edge on all your turning tools using a Wolverine style sharpening set-up. You are invited to bring your personal tools from home and sharpen them under the expert guidance of a Mentor.
Saturday, October 23, 2010, 2:30PM to 4:30PM, Sessions B-1 through B-10	
B-1	Natural Edge Square Bowls with Tom Boley - Natural edge bowls can be made in various shapes ranging from the traditional round, to square, to elongated, to whatever else you are clever enough to create. The principles of the techniques and tools used will be demonstrated with the initial focus on the square natural edge bowl. Under Tom's guiding hand you can try a few cuts in turning one of these beautiful unorthodox creations.
B-2	One Piece Ornaments with Richard McGann - All it takes is one piece of wood and the know how to turn a one-piece Christmas tree ornament with a central hole and top and bottom finials. Richard will demonstrate the process from start to finish. You will then be invited to come up to the lathe and try one for yourself.
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B-4	"Marbling" with Lucy Cruise - Learn the techniques and materials used to create one-of-kind art-deco designs in vivid colors on your smaller turnings and projects such as Wine Bottle Stoppers, Pens, etc. You will create your own unique design you can take home...very cool by a cool lady.

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B-5	<p>Need To Turn Multiple Identical Spindles? See Morris Schlesinger - Morris will show you the proper set up and safely use the Vega Duplicator Attachment. With this system you can quickly turn as many spindles as you like which are all identical. He will also show how to make and set the patterns for repetitive turnings. This is critical when one has to make railing ballasters or other similar projects.</p>
B-6	<p>Lace Work Trivets with Reuben Everett - Trivets that are functional in protecting your table and counter tops from hot pots and pans can also look like fancy lace work, the kind your grandmother crocheted. Reuben will show you how to make a simple homemade jig that makes it all possible and how to use it. You will be able to try some turning on these trivets under Reuben's guidance, the results are very gratifying.</p>
B-7	<p>Turning Candlesticks with Amos Peterson - Let us turn a candlestick that is simple, practical and "pleasing to the eye!" Amos will demonstrate the process from start to finish. You will then be invited to come up to the lathe and turn a candlestick for yourself.</p>
B-8	<p>Catch "Chasing Threads" with Jimmy Proffitt - Adding a threaded lid to a box has been an unfulfilled dream of many a box turner. This requires skills in calculating the right diameters for both the box and its lid, as well as the exacting technique of "chasing threads." Jimmy has this art down to a science. Let him first show you how it's done, then pick up the tools and try it for yourself.</p>
B-9	<p>Knight to Queen's Bishop 5...and Check Mate with Kirk McCauley - Sound complicated, not at all. Kirk will show you the easy way to turn chess pieces that are duplicatable and with a little carving become highly valued, more so than store bought sets. Various options for finishing will also be discussed. Come try one under Kirk's watchful eye.</p>
B-10	<p>Master the One Skill Critical to All Turners, Tool Sharpening with (Various Mentors) - A sharp tool is pure pleasure, but a dull tool is total frustration. Let our experienced Mentors teach you the proper and safe way to put a keen edge on all your turning tools using a Wolverine style sharpening set-up. You are invited to bring your personal tools from home and sharpen them under the expert guidance of a Mentor</p>
<p>Sunday, October 24, 2010, 10:30AM to 12:30PM, Sessions C-1 through C-10</p>	
C-1	<p>Getting Multiple Nesting Bowls from a Single Piece of Wood with Morris Schlesinger - With a little practice the OneWay Coring System makes it possible to yield several bowls from a single piece of wood. This system saves time and money, especially when you have a expensive piece of exotic wood. Learn how to properly set up and safely use the system for maximum yield. Step up to the lathe and get a feel for using it under Morris' guiding hand.</p>

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C-2	<p>Fundamentals of Spindle Turning with Willie Simmons - Willie, a professional turner, over the years has perfected his techniques for turning out spindles of all kinds with precision, speed, and efficiency. He will gladly share his knowledge in roughing out, adding beads and coves, pummels, and beautiful curves and lines to his spindles using only basic tools such as the spindle roughing gouge, skew, spindle gouge, and parting tool.</p> <p>This is a must see for those who wish to make parts for furniture, etc. Try some cuts yourself.</p>
C-3	<p>Future Turners of America with Fred Chattin and Friends - This Mentoring session is specifically design for our younger folks up to age 16. Our "future turners of America" will be taught safe turning practices as they turn small projects which they can take home with them, and proudly say, "look mom at what I made!" This is a one-on-one with a Mentor for each youth letting them turn a series of fun projects such as a spin top, honey dipper, snow man, and the last of which is their very own pen.</p>
C-4	<p>Natural Edge bowls with Peter Welch - One of the more challenging aspects of bowl making, is the natural edge. I will attempt to explain and demonstrate the cuts and techniques required to produce a natural edge bowl. We will use smaller bowl blanks for this demo and the hands on application of this session, and the cuts and techniques can be used on any size bowl.</p>
C-5	<p>Bangle Bracelets That Are Sure To Please the Ladies with Ray Kallman - Learn the the techniques to turn uniquely beautiful bracelets in just 20 minutes from scraps of flat stock. With an easy to make chuck, both novice and experienced turners find these very easy to master. Let Ray show you how, then pick up a tool and try one on your own.</p>
C-6	<p>Multi-Axis Spindle Turning is the Answer with Barbara Dill - Ever wonder how those off-centered and / or tilted ovals and other shapes got turned on a lathe to make stems for goblets and other interesting art forms? It's all quite predictable, once you know how. Let Barbara show you how it's done, then you give it a turn</p>
C-7	<p>The Versatile Tagua Nut with Larry Shiere - Tagua Nuts, AKA as Vegatable Ivory, can be turned into Jewelery, Miniture Hollow Forms, Lidded Boxes, Bowls, Ornaments, Goblets, or wherever your artistry takes you. They also make great accent pieces for larger turnings and don't require any finish, just finely sand and buff to a high luster. Let Larry show you the fundamentals of chucking, turning, and finishing this veratile material, then grab a tool and give it a try.</p>
C-8	<p>Decorative Texturing and Spiraling with Jimmy Proffitt - Decorative Texturing and Spiraling on turned wooden pieces has been around for a long time. Jimmy will perform this magic using various tools with the main focus on the Sorby Spiraling and Texturing Tool. So watch closely, you'll then be invited to step up to the lathe and try it for yourself with Jim's expert guidance.</p>
C-9	<p>Weed Pots with Sam Warren - Don't get too excited, we are not talking California weed. Walt will show beginning turners how to safely transform pieces of scrap wood into stunning bud vases, affectionately called "weed pots." They are easy, quick, and beautiful. Grab a tool and try your hand at it.</p>

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<p>Sunday, October 24, 2010, 1:00 pm to 3:00PM, Sessions D-1 through D-10</p>	
D-1	<p>Ornaments, Bob Rosand Style with Starke Smith - This demo will feature all the steps necessary to turn one of Bob Rosand's Christmas Tree ornaments. I will use the Spindle roughing gouge and two types of Parting tools. I will start the procedure of making the tree limbs and offer the attendees that want to try their hand to come forward and finish a tree or start one of their own. There are many ways to make a tree ornament and we will try all, time permitting.</p>
D-2	<p>Ovoid Bowls, From a Lathe??? with Brian Noble-Marx - Through the technique of two-axis turning you will be able to try your hand at turning an Ovoid like bowl. You'll awe your friends at home with your newly learned technique.</p>
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D-4	<p>Natural Edge Hollow Forms with Dan Luttrell - What is different about natural edge? We will consider wood selection and orientation, how and when you will leave the bark on, or take it off. Different hollowing tools will be discussed and demonstrated.</p>
D-5	<p>Boxes with Texturing with Jim Bumpas - You will be shown the basics of turning and texturing a simple box using prepared blanks. If you wish, Jim will be happy to assist you in trying out the tools and techniques for yourself. This session will be at the beginners level.</p>
D-6	<p>Pens and a CA Finish with Sam Huntley - Beyond the fundamentals of turning a pen is the need to create a finish on them that is both durable and beautiful. CA (cyanoacrylate) has proven to fill this need. Learn the process and techniques for applying this finish. Try it yourself under Sam's guidance for a rewarding skill which will set your pens apart from the completion.</p>

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D-7	<p>Wine Bottle Stoppers that Would Delight Bacchus with Leo Cullen - Artistically turned wine bottle stoppers are both functional and beautiful. Leo shows you his unique way to turn contrasting domestic hardwoods into fine works of art that will add a touch of class to any bottle of fine wine. These are of the traditional "dowel and cork" construction and take on a mirror gloss when a friction polish finish is applied. Let Leo guide you in trying your hand at turning a stopper, they make great gifts all year around.</p>
D-8	<p>Blue Ridge Mountain Plate with Al Warren - Since we retired to the Blue Ridge area I've often thought about designing and turning a plate that reflects the beauty of this mountainous area. In addition to the basics of turning a plate or platter, I will show you how to design, fabricate the blank from at least three species of wood, and turn it into a plate which resembles a mountain scene complete with a moon in the sky. Come, take a turn or two under Al's watchful eye".</p>
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